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Sir:

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The references are listed in PTO form 1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the references.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record

therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

Respectfully submitted,

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